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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I will be brief because there is quite a lot of good things been said. I simply want to say that Jack has done an outstanding job, I believe, in representing 93 diverse counties. And because of his experience in here, and because of the experience with the counties, I think it has made our job, in many cases, very much easier too, because represent...counties really are an extension of the state, obviously, just as cities and villages are. And to have an understanding of what counties need across the state I think has helped us tremendously in providing legislation that is fair. As a former county commissioner, when I first got to know Jack, albeit not as well as I do now, but I think he's done that extraordinary bridging of the two entities very well, and we could very well depend upon his knowledge and his statements about the facts as they were, and I want to commend both he and Norma, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I've known Jack Mills since he was first elected to the Legislature, so that's been a long-term relationship. And eight of the years that I've been in the Legislature, I have been on the Government Committee, which, of course, is the committee that Jack deals with most as the county official association executive director. And I've always thought over the years, you know when people ask you about becoming a lobbyist after you leave the Legislature, I've always thought I wouldn't take that kind of a job for all the tea in China. But, my one little caveat might be that county officials organization job, because Jack has made it such a good position. He has built that organization and he has served those county officials very well. He's traveled the state. He knows the people of this state, and he's an invaluable resource that they are really going to miss, I know, at the county officials association. I've also gotten to know Norma over the years. I think she's a courageous, wonderful lady, and I know that Dan will miss her a lot around here. I'd just like to say happy sailing to the two of them.